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# Detective Comics presents

# BATMAN

and

# ROBIN

12¢



I'M TAKING YOU  
IN FOR MURDER,  
BRUCE WAYNE!

HOW  
IS THIS  
POSSIBLE  
SINCE  
BRUCE WAYNE  
AND  
BATMAN  
ARE ONE AND  
THE SAME?



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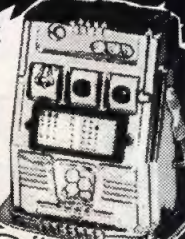
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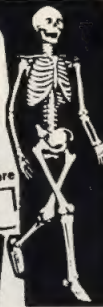
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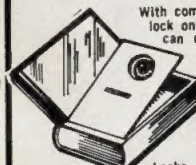
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# BATMAN

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HOT-LINE  
ALERT TO  
BATMAN!  
COMMISSIONER  
GORDON  
CALLING...

BRUCE  
WAYNE  
HAS  
VANISHED--  
IN  
MID-AIR!

?! IMPOSSIBLE!...

IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE--  
SINCE BATMAN IS REALLY  
BRUCE WAYNE! UNLESS THE  
MAN RECEIVING THIS BAFFLING  
ANNOUNCEMENT--IS NOT  
BATMAN?  
BUT NONETHELESS, A DIA-  
BOLICAL DILEMMA-- HOW  
COULD ANYONE VANISH IN  
MID-AIR? THE BEDEVILING  
DEVILTRY OF THIS DAZZLING  
GRAVITY-DEFYING COUP  
DE CRIME IS REVEALED IN...

## STAND-IN FOR MURDER

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GOTHAM  
AIRFIELD...

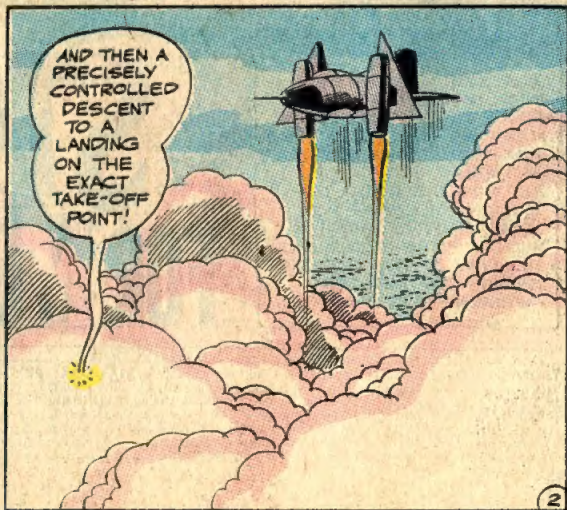
YOU'RE LATE, MR. WAYNE!  
THEY'RE ALL WAITING FOR  
YOU--AND I'VE GOT YOUR  
'CHUTE READY TO SPEED  
UP THINGS!

THANKS! GOT  
TIED UP IN  
TRAFFIC  
COMING  
HERE...

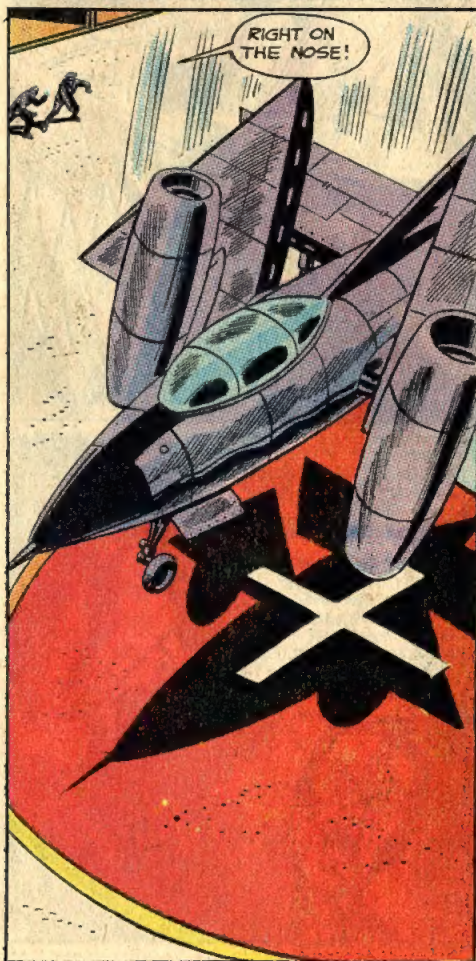
WHILE ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF  
THE HANGAR...

AS A CIVIC GESTURE,  
GENERAL HOGAN, ONE OF  
GOTHAM'S MOST PROMINENT  
CITIZENS--**BRUCE WAYNE**--  
HAS VOLUNTEERED TO  
DEMONSTRATE THE  
VIRTUES OF THIS  
**V7OL!**

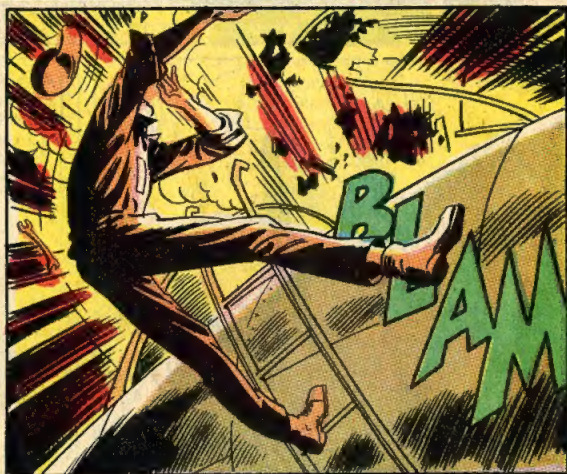
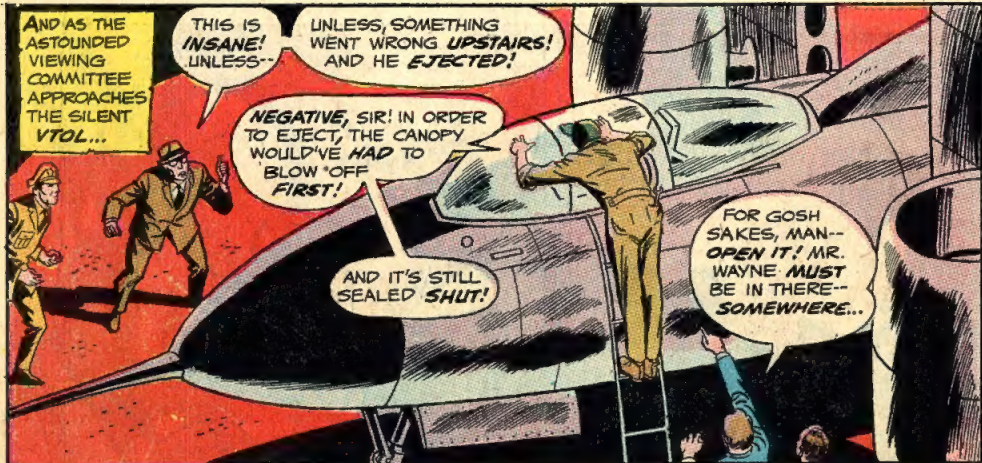
NATURALLY, SIR,  
AN AIR FORCE  
CONTRACT WOULD  
GREATLY BENEFIT  
THE ECONOMY  
OF OUR  
CITY!













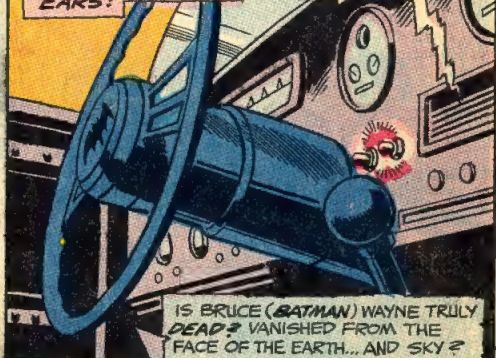
AN IMPOSSIBLE DILEMMA THAT AN ALARMED COMM. GORDON CANNOT POSSIBLY BE AWARE OF--NOT KNOWING THAT **BRUCE WAYNE** AND **BATMAN** ARE THE SAME MAN!



HIS **BATCAVE** **HOT-LINE** DOESN'T ANSWER! MAY BE OUT ON A SPECIAL **DAYLIGHT CRIME-ALERT!** JUST WHEN I NEED HIM **MOST!**

**ALERT! ALERT!** CALLING **BATMAN!** COME IN! COME IN!

WHILE IN ANOTHER PART OF **GOTHAM CITY**, GORDON'S PLEA FALLS ON **DEAF EARS!**



**HOT-LINE ALERT! BATMAN--WHERE ARE YOU?**

IS **BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE** TRULY **DEAD?** **VANISHED** FROM THE **FACE OF THE EARTH...AND SKY?**

IN ORDER TO COMPREHEND THIS **BAFFLING BEWILDERMENT** WE MUST GO BACK TO EARLIER THAT MORNING--IN THE **WAYNE MANSION...**



AW, I WANTED TO BE IN ON YOUR **VTOL** DEMO, **BRUCE!** SCHOOL'S A **DRAG**, COMPARED--

FRANKLY, **DICK**, THIS STINT'S JUST ANOTHER "**MUST**" **BORE!** BUT I HAVE TO MAINTAIN THE "**WAYNE**" **IMAGE--**

--SO **BATMAN** CAN FUNCTION UNHINDERED BY "**CIVIC**" **DUTIES!** SO OFF TO THE "**DRAG**" **LAD!**

THE **BATMAN** MAIL YOU PICKED UP AT **POLICE H.Q.** LAST NIGHT, **MASTER BRUCE!**

AS **BRUCE** **RIFLES** THROUGH THE **MAIL...**



EH? THIS ONE'S MARKED **URGENT!**

DEAR **BATMAN--** I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT! I SET UP THE INSIDE **JOB** FOR THE **TAKE-OVER** OF **GOTHAM FIRST NATIONAL** THIS MORNING AT **9:00!** I REALIZE NOW... THE **RISK!**

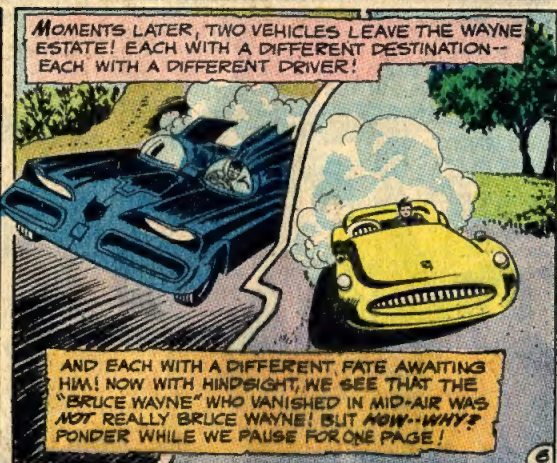
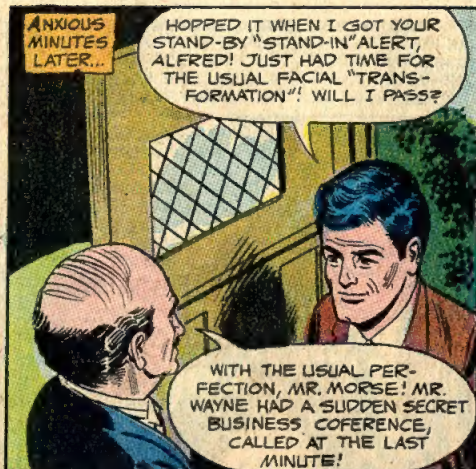
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ONLY **THIRTY MINUTES** FROM NOW! THIS **CAPER** TAKES **PRIORITY** OVER **EVERYTHING!**



A **JOB** FOR **BATMAN?** BUT, **SIR--YOU MUST** SHOW UP FOR THE **AERO-NAUTICAL TEST DIS-PLAY!**





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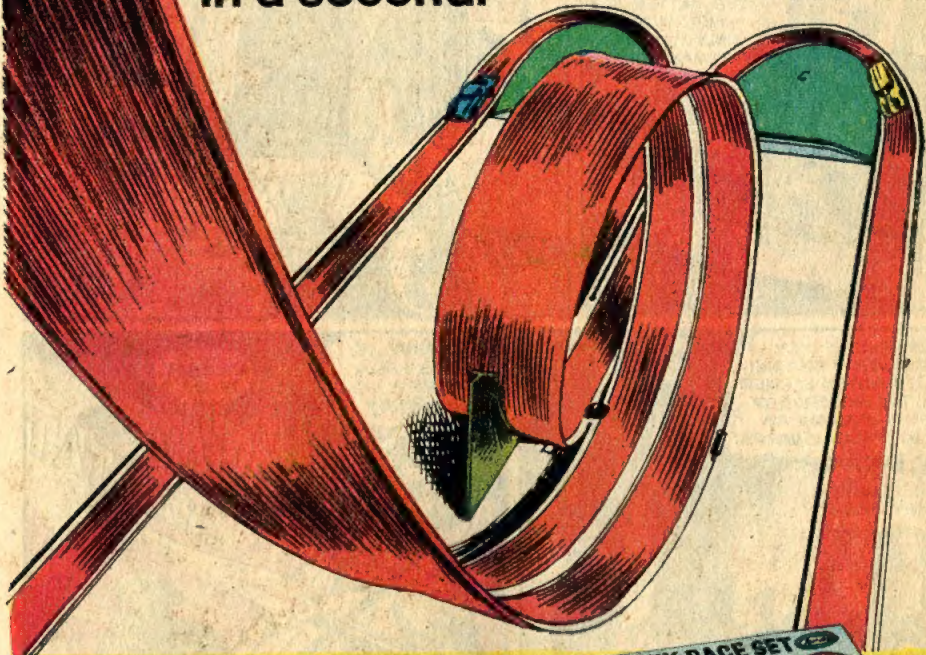
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in a second.**



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**CRISS-CROSS.** Danger ahead! This 2-lane chicanes lets only one car thru at a time!



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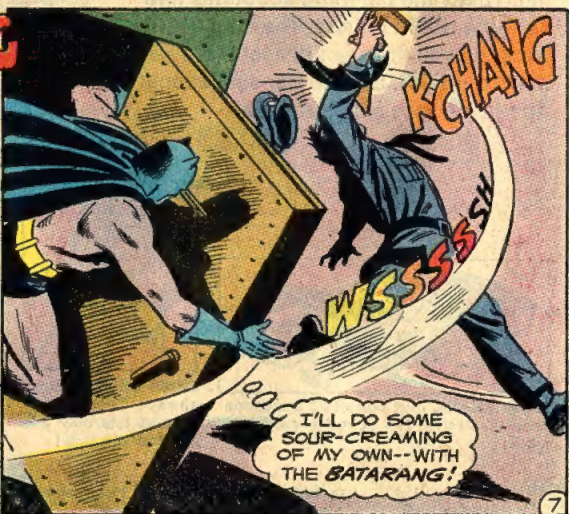
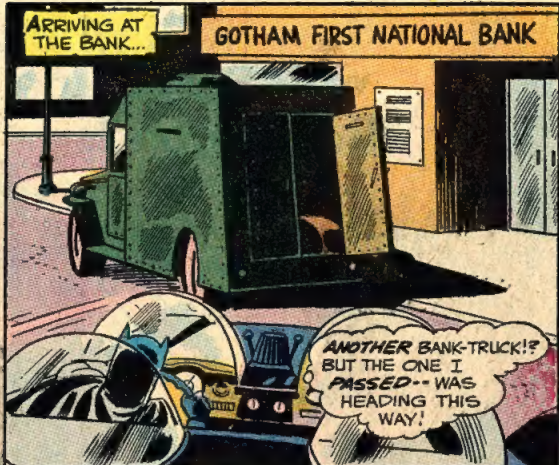
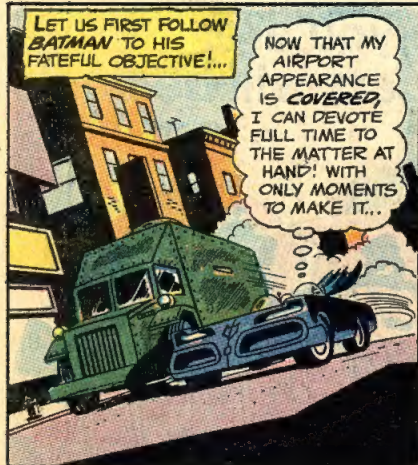


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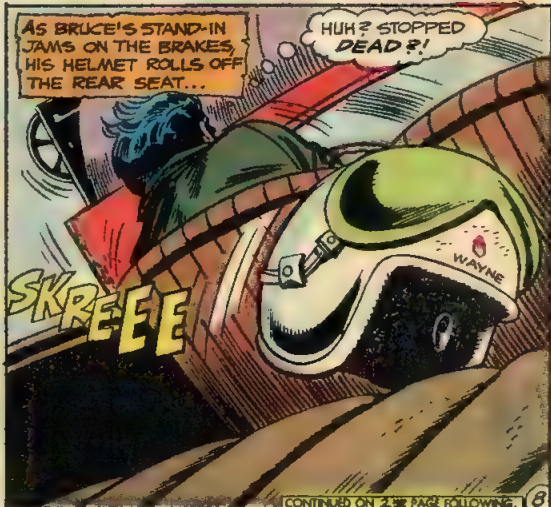
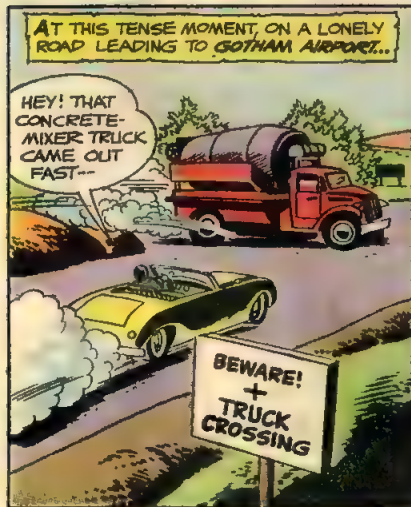
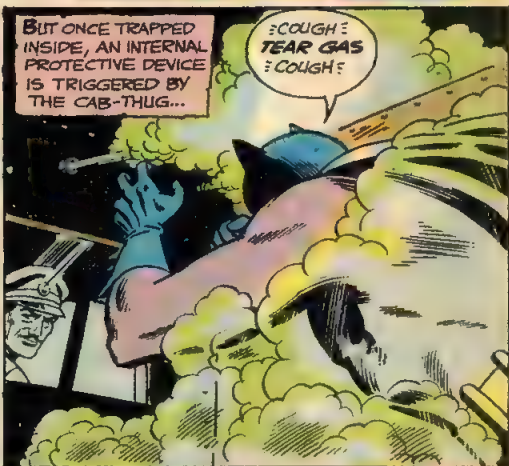
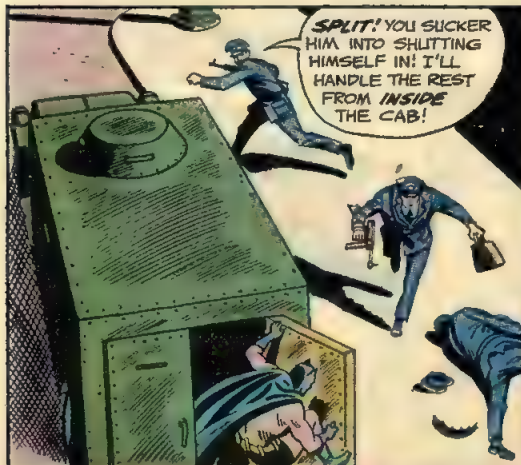
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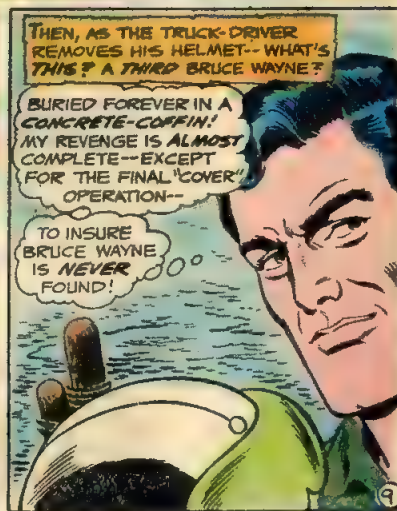
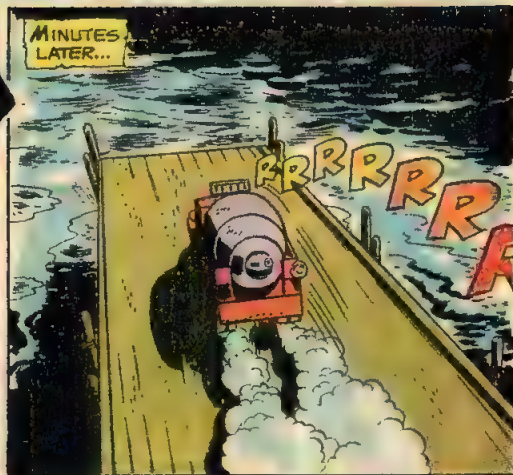
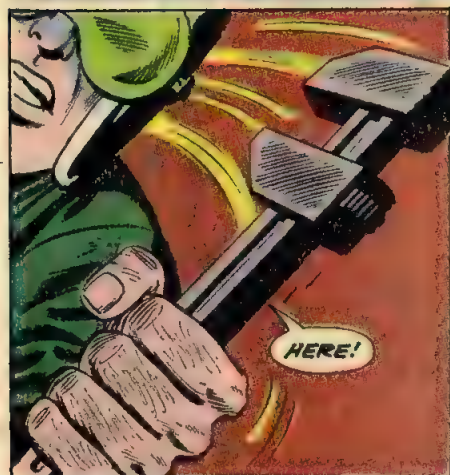
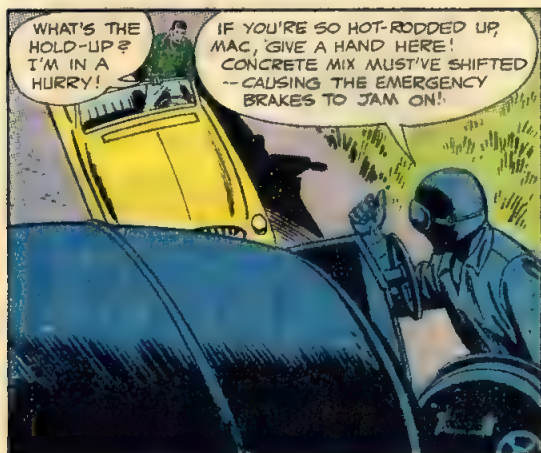


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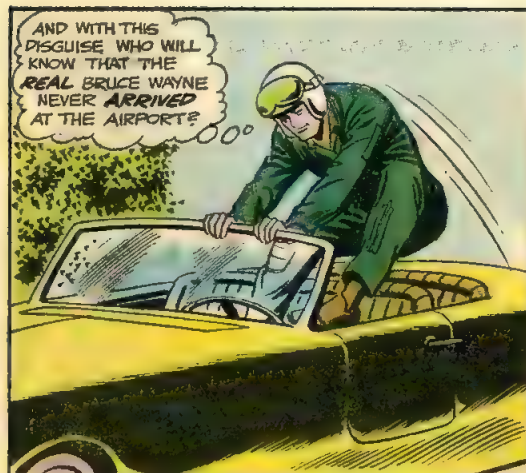
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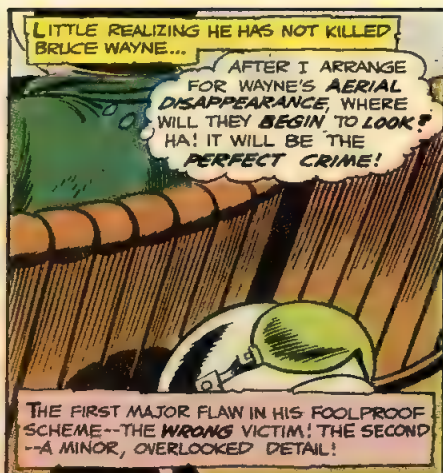








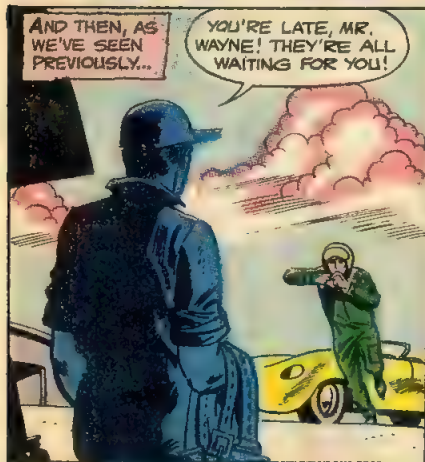
AND WITH THIS DISGUISE, WHO WILL KNOW THAT THE REAL BRUCE WAYNE NEVER ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT?



LITTLE REALIZING HE HAS NOT KILLED BRUCE WAYNE...

AFTER I ARRANGE FOR WAYNE'S AERIAL DISAPPEARANCE, WHERE WILL THEY BEGIN TO LOOK? HA! IT WILL BE THE PERFECT CRIME!

THE FIRST MAJOR FLAW IN HIS FOOLPROOF SCHEME--THE *WRONG* VICTIM! THE SECOND--A MINOR, OVERLOOKED DETAIL!



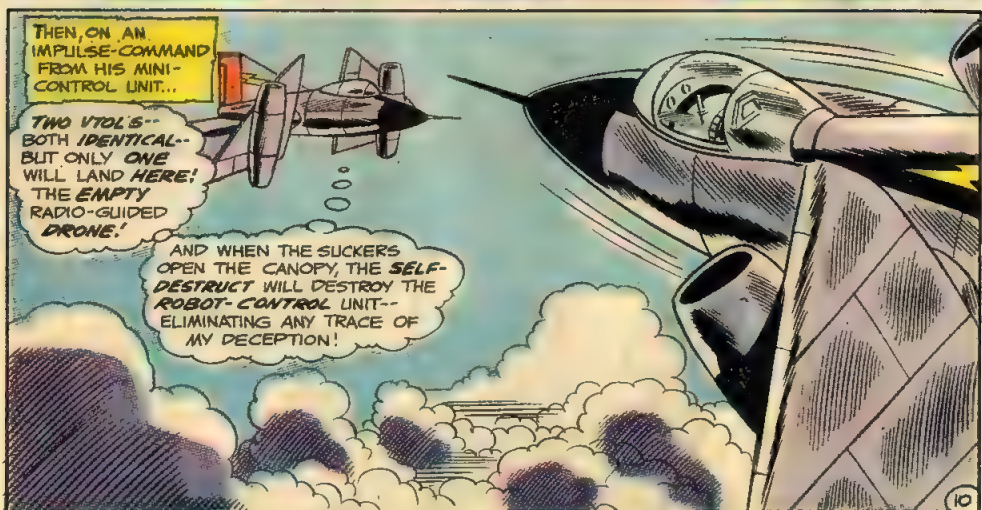
AND THEN, AS WE'VE SEEN PREVIOUSLY...

YOU'RE LATE, MR. WAYNE! THEY'RE ALL WAITING FOR YOU!



MINUTES LATER ABOVE THE CLOUDS, THE KILLER "IMPOSTOR" BRINGS OUT A MINI-RADIO CONTROL UNIT AND...

NOW, FOR OPERATION "BIG SWITCH"! AND... HA! HA! "BRUCE WAYNE" VANISHES INTO THIN AIR!

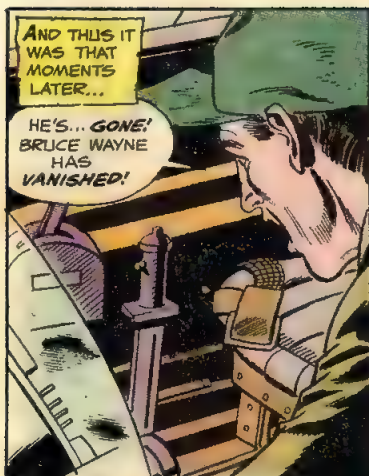


THEN, ON AN IMPULSE-COMMAND FROM HIS MINI-CONTROL UNIT...

TWO VTOL'S-- BOTH IDENTICAL-- BUT ONLY ONE WILL LAND HERE! THE EMPTY RADIO-GUIDED DRONE!

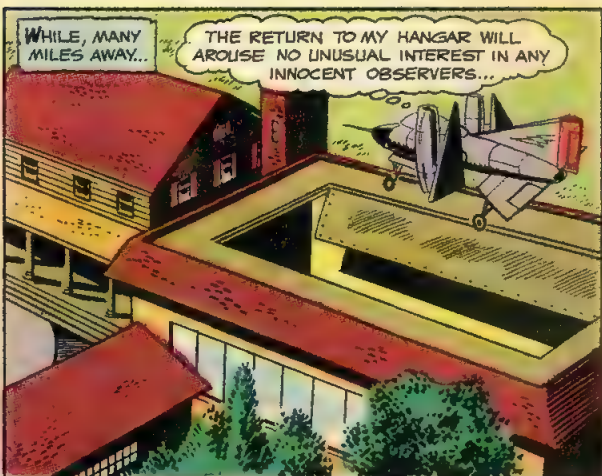
AND WHEN THE SUCKERS OPEN THE CANOPY, THE SELF-DESTRUCT WILL DESTROY THE ROBOT-CONTROL UNIT-- ELIMINATING ANY TRACE OF MY DECEPTION!





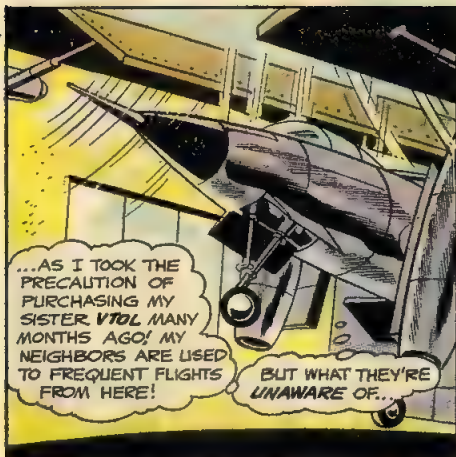
AND THIS IT  
WAS THAT  
MOMENTS  
LATER...

HE'S... **GONE!**  
BRUCE WAYNE  
HAS  
**VANISHED!**



WHILE, MANY  
MILES AWAY...

THE RETURN TO MY HANGAR WILL  
AROUSE NO UNUSUAL INTEREST IN ANY  
INNOCENT OBSERVERS...



...AS I TOOK THE  
PRECAUTION OF  
PURCHASING MY  
SISTER VTOL MANY  
MONTHS AGO! MY  
NEIGHBORS ARE USED  
TO FREQUENT FLIGHTS  
FROM HERE!

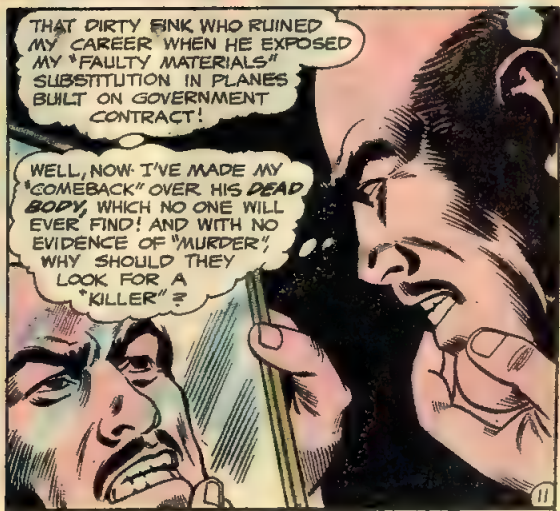
BUT WHAT THEY'RE  
**UNAWARE OF...**



...IS THAT I  
RIGGED MY VTOL  
AS A **DRONE**--  
SO THIS SWITCH  
COULD BE  
ACCOMPLISHED  
UNSEEN BY  
**ANYONE!**



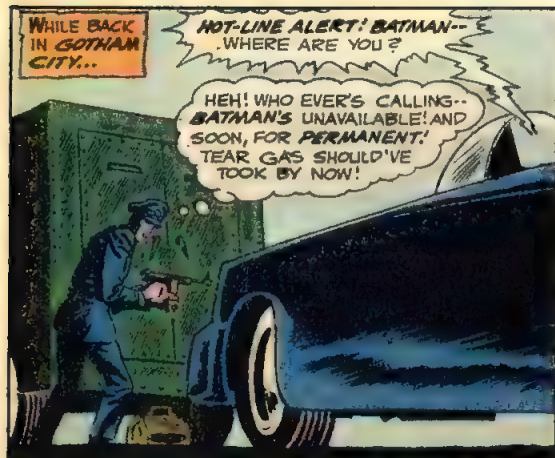
NOR COULD THEY GUESS THAT THE  
ONCE RESPECTABLE AIRCRAFT  
TYCOON--**CARLYLE CRANE**--HAS  
SPENT YEARS PLOTTING THIS  
ELIMINATION OF THE EMINENTLY  
RESPECTABLE **BRUCE**  
**WAYNE!**



THAT DIRTY SINK WHO RUINED  
MY CAREER WHEN HE EXPOSED  
MY "FAULTY MATERIALS"  
SUBSTITUTION IN PLANES  
BUILT ON GOVERNMENT  
CONTRACT!

WELL, NOW, I'VE MADE MY  
"COMEBACK" OVER HIS DEAD  
**BODY**, WHICH NO ONE WILL  
EVER FIND! AND WITH NO  
EVIDENCE OF "MURDER",  
WHY SHOULD THEY  
LOOK FOR A  
"KILLER"?





WHILE BACK  
IN GOTHAM  
CITY...

**HOT-LINE ALERT! BATMAN--  
WHERE ARE YOU?**

**HEH! WHO EVER'S CALLING--  
BATMAN'S UNAVAILABLE! AND  
SOON, FOR PERMANENT!  
TEAR GAS SHOULD'VE  
TOOK BY NOW!**



**AS HE OPENS  
THE GAS-FILLED  
INTERIOR...**

**BETTER  
LET IT CLEAR  
UP A BIT--  
SO I HAVE  
A CLEAR  
TARGET!**



**JUST WHAT  
I'VE BEEN  
WAITING  
FOR--A  
CLEAR  
TARGET!**

**LUCKY I COULD  
PLAY POSSUM WITH  
THE GAS-MASK FROM  
MY UTILITY  
BELT!**

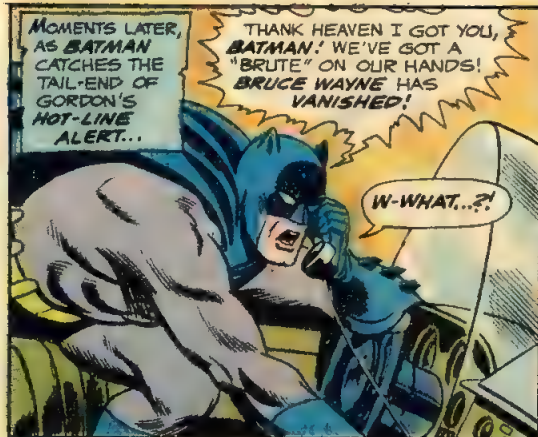


**THAT YOU, SPINK?  
GOTTA MOVE OUT!  
IS BATMAN  
FINISHED?**



**UH-UH, PUNK!  
HE'S JUST  
BEGINNING!**

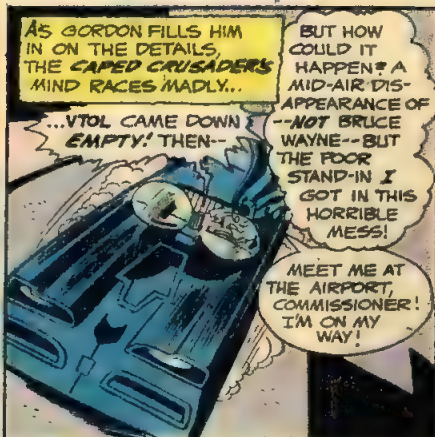




MOMENTS LATER,  
AS BATMAN  
CATCHES THE  
TAIL-END OF  
GORDON'S  
HOT-LINE  
ALERT...

THANK HEAVEN I GOT YOU,  
BATMAN! WE'VE GOT A  
"BRUTE" ON OUR HANDS!  
"BRUCE WAYNE" HAS  
VANISHED!

W-WHAT...?!

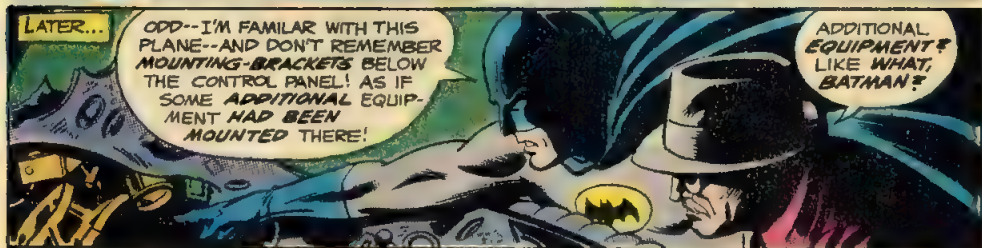


AS GORDON FILLS HIM  
IN ON THE DETAILS,  
THE **CAPED CRUSADERS**  
MIND RACES MADLY...

...VTOL CAME DOWN!  
EMPTY! THEN--

BUT HOW  
COULD IT  
HAPPEN? A  
MID-AIR DIS-  
APPEARANCE OF  
--NOT BRUCE  
WAYNE-- BUT  
THE POOR  
STAND-IN I  
GOT IN THIS  
HORRIBLE  
MESS!

MEET ME AT  
THE AIRPORT,  
COMMISSIONER!  
I'M ON MY  
WAY!



LATER...

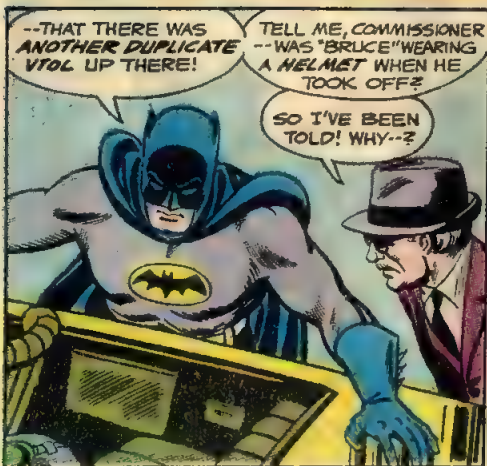
ODD--I'M FAMILAR WITH THIS  
PLANE--AND DON'T REMEMBER  
MOUNTING-BRACKETS BELOW  
THE CONTROL PANEL! AS IF  
SOME ADDITIONAL EQUIP-  
MENT HAD BEEN  
MOUNTED THERE!

ADDITIONAL  
EQUIPMENT?  
LIKE WHAT,  
BATMAN?



NO MAN **VANISHES**  
INSIDE A **CLOSED**  
COCKPIT--40,000 FEET  
ABOVE THE EARTH!  
HOWEVER, IF THIS  
PLANE WERE REMOTE-  
CONTROLLED...

YOU MEAN THE  
MISSING EQUIPMENT  
MIGHT'VE BEEN A--  
**DRONE-UNIT?** BUT  
THAT WOULD ALSO  
MEAN--



--THAT THERE WAS  
ANOTHER **DUPLICATE**  
VTOL UP THERE!

TELL ME, COMMISSIONER  
--WAS "BRUCE" WEARING  
A **HELMET** WHEN HE  
TOOK OFF?

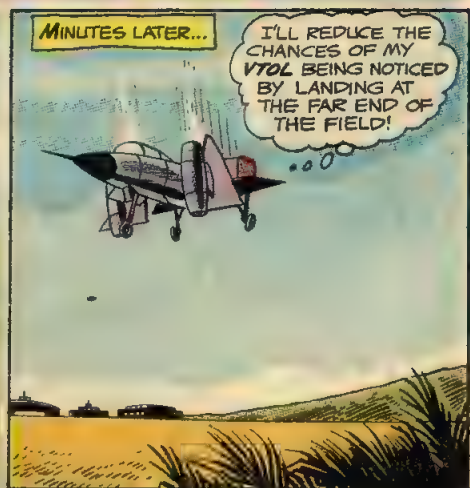
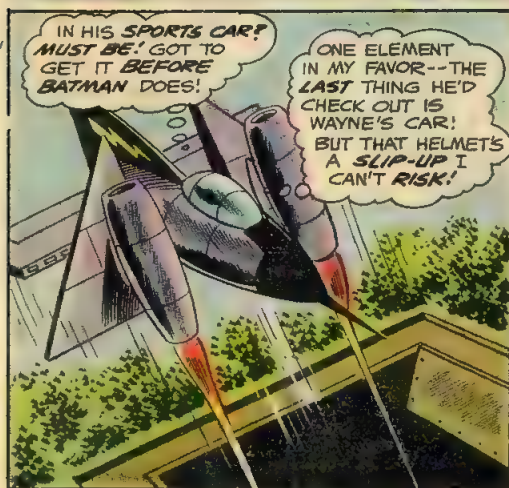
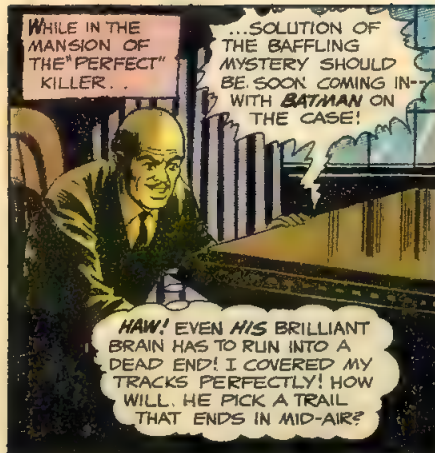
SO I'VE BEEN  
TOLD! WHY--?



BECAUSE **THIS** IS WAYNE'S  
HELMET! COULD THERE ALSO  
HAVE BEEN **TWO** WAYNES?  
**ONE** WHO TOOK THE  
PLANE UP--AND--

...ONE WHO  
NEVER GOT  
HERE?







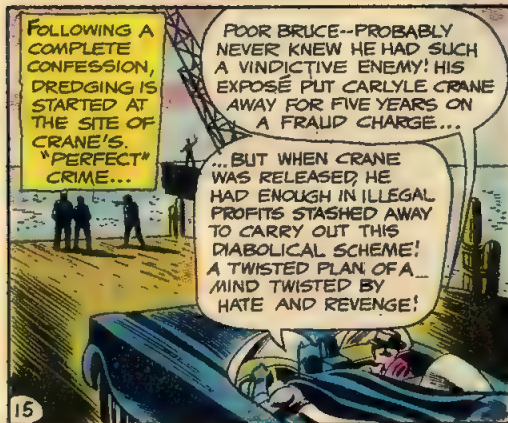


THIS IS YOUR  
LAST CASE,  
MASTER  
DETECTIVE!  
HAW!



...IN YOURS,  
PAL! YOU  
WANT IT SO  
BAD--

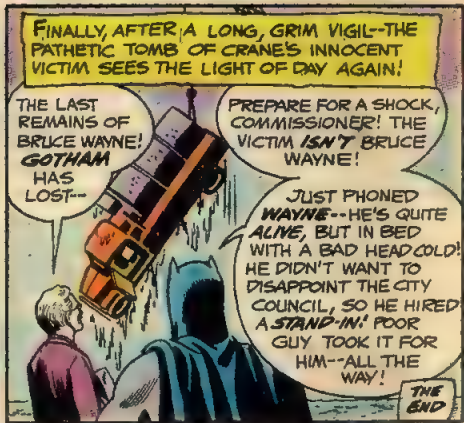
IT MUST BE  
THE TIP-OFF TO  
WHAT YOU DID  
WITH BRUCE  
WAYNE! NOW,  
YOU'LL TALK!



FOLLOWING A  
COMPLETE  
CONFESSION,  
DREDGING IS  
STARTED AT  
THE SITE OF  
CRANE'S  
"PERFECT"  
CRIME...

POOR BRUCE--PROBABLY  
NEVER KNEW HE HAD SUCH  
A VINDICTIVE ENEMY! HIS  
EXPOSE PUT CARLYLE CRANE  
AWAY FOR FIVE YEARS ON  
A FRAUD CHARGE...

...BUT WHEN CRANE  
WAS RELEASED, HE  
HAD ENOUGH IN ILLEGAL  
PROFITS STASHED AWAY  
TO CARRY OUT THIS  
DIABOLICAL SCHEME!  
A TWISTED PLAN OF A...  
MIND TWISTED BY  
HATE AND REVENGE!



FINALLY, AFTER A LONG, GRIM VIGIL--THE  
PATHETIC TOMB OF CRANE'S INNOCENT  
VICTIM SEES THE LIGHT OF DAY AGAIN!

THE LAST  
REMAINS OF  
BRUCE WAYNE!  
GOTHAM  
HAS LOST--

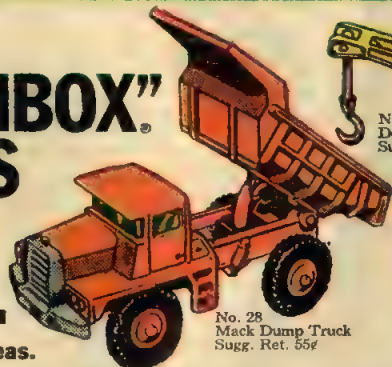
PREPARE FOR A SHOCK,  
COMMISSIONER! THE  
VICTIM *ISN'T* BRUCE  
WAYNE!

JUST PHONED  
WAYNE--HE'S QUITE  
ALIVE, BUT IN BED  
WITH A BAD HEADCOLD!  
HE DIDN'T WANT TO  
DISAPPOINT THE CITY  
COUNCIL, SO HE HIRED  
A STAND-IN! POOR  
GUY TOOK IT FOR  
HIM--ALL THE  
WAY!

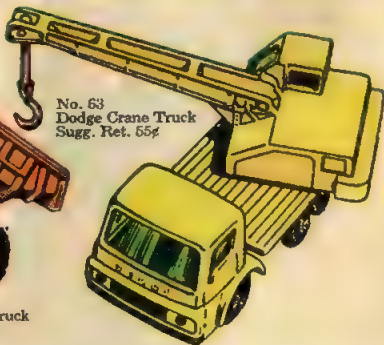
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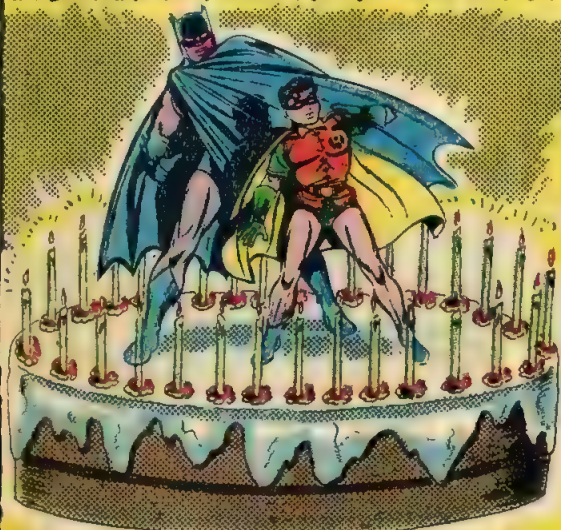
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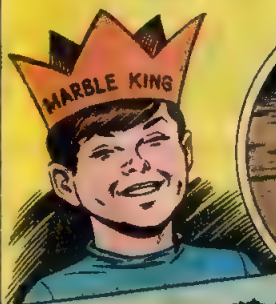
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- THE BOY WONDER -

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DICK GRAYSON!  
WE THOUGHT YOU'D  
NEVER SHOW UP! COME  
ON AND TRY TOSS-  
ING A FEW!

ELIOT'S ROPED  
THE LASSO AROUND  
THE STUMP FIVE  
STRAIGHT TIMES!



SORRY, RON, BUT I'LL HAVE  
TO COP OUT-- I PROMISED THE GUYS  
OVER BY THE CAMPFIRE I'D PLAY  
A BIT ON THE GUITAR!



I WOULD  
LIKE TO PERFORM  
A BIT OF LASSO-  
THROWING--  
LET ME TRY!

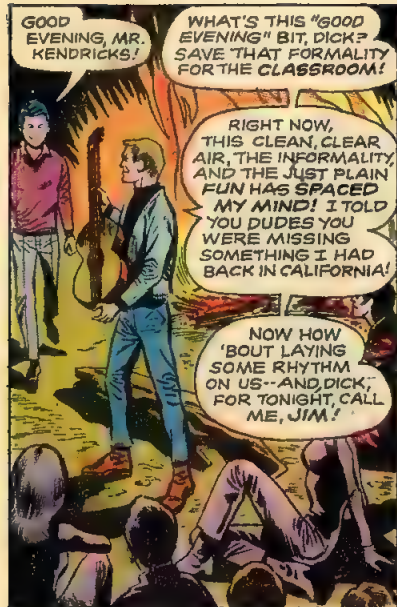
YOU?

YOU'VE  
GOT TO BE  
PUTTING ME  
ON! THE LASSO'S  
BIGGER'N YOU  
ARE!

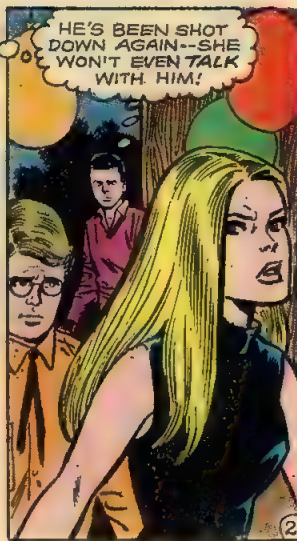
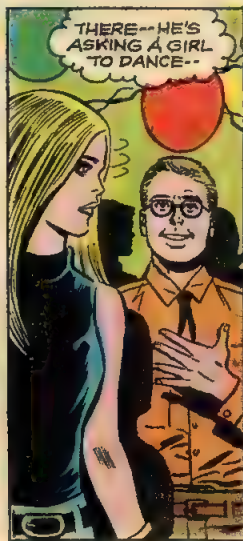
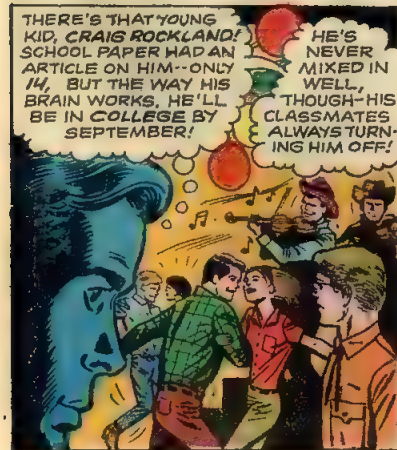
TELL YA WHAT, BABY--WHY  
DON'T YOU GO MAKE LIKE A  
TREE AND LEAVE!



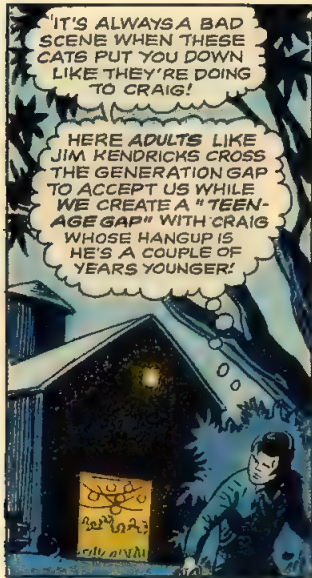




HIGH-PITCHED FIDDLES GREET THE BOY WONDER INTO AN OLD-FASHIONED SQUARE DANCE IN THE BARN, SUCCEEDED BY THE SOUNDS OF SOME SWINGING SOUL...







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HERE ADULTS LIKE JIM KENDRICKS CROSS THE GENERATION GAP TO ACCEPT US WHILE WE CREATE A "TEEN-AGE GAP" WITH CRAIG WHOSE HANGUP IS HE'S A COUPLE OF YEARS YOUNGER!

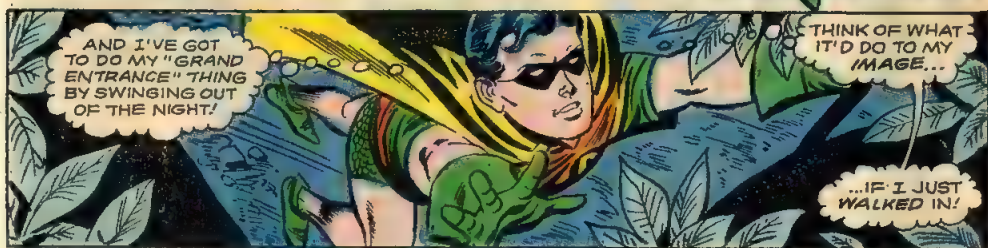


WELL, IT'S CRAIG'S LIFE--

...AND MY LIFE IS ABOUT TO "CHANGE"-- INTO ROBIN!



THIS HERE TEEN TITAN IS EXPECTED TO SHOW UP AND LEAD THE MAY-RIDE THAT STARTS IN A FEW MINUTES!



AND I'VE GOT TO DO MY "GRAND ENTRANCE" THING BY SWINGING OUT OF THE NIGHT!

THINK OF WHAT IT'D DO TO MY IMAGE...

...IF I JUST WALKED IN!

HOWEVER, NOT FAR AWAY, ATTENTIVE EARS ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN THE BOY WONDER'S IMAGE...



LOOK, GUYS, IF THAT PUNK ROBIN COMES SWINGIN' IN LIKE SOME APE, HE'S GONNA STEAL THE SHOW WITH EVERYBODY-- ESPECIALLY MY CHICK WHO'S WILD OVER HIM AND THAT FLASHY COSTUME OF HIS!

ME, I'VE BEEN KING OF THE HILL, RIGHT? RIGHT? AND I LIKE IT!

SO I'M FOR STOPPIN' THE DUDE FROM COMIN'!

SURE THING, ELIOT! WE'RE WITH YOU THERE--BUT HOW DO YOU HOPE TO PULL IT OFF?

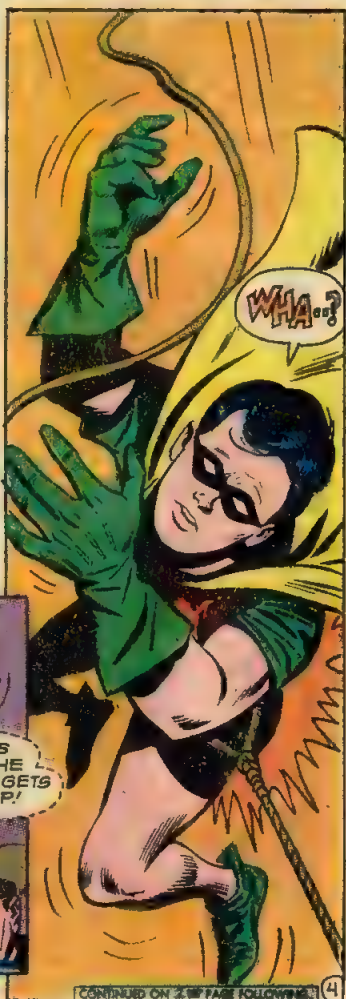
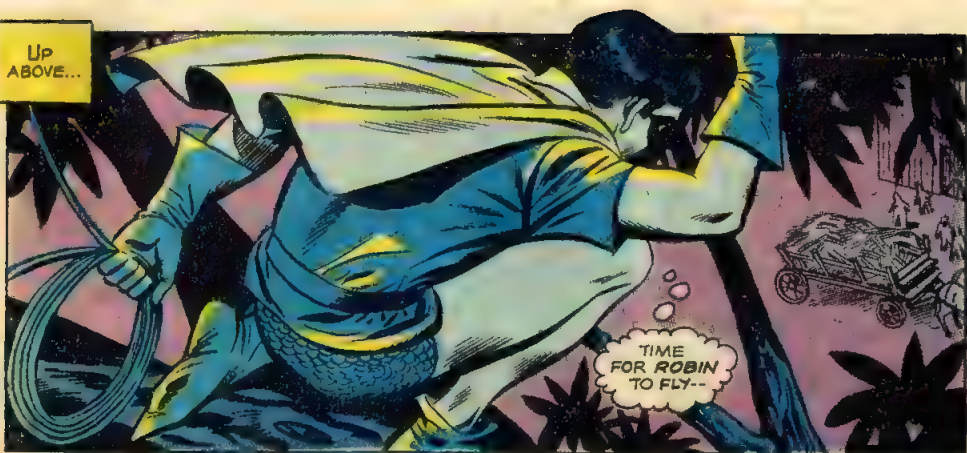


ROBIN ALWAYS SWINGS DOWN FROM UP SOMEPLACE TO CREATE A BIG IMPRESSION, RIGHT? RIGHT!

NOW THE MOST LIKELY PLACE FOR HIM TO START FROM IS THAT HUGE OAK TREE OVER THERE--SO WE'LL...



UP  
ABOVE...

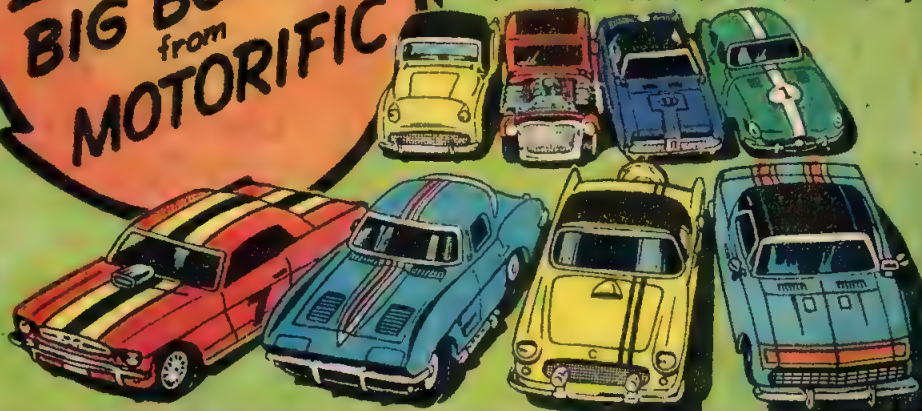


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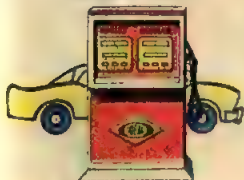
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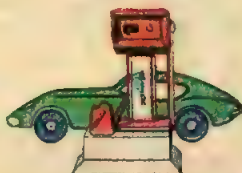
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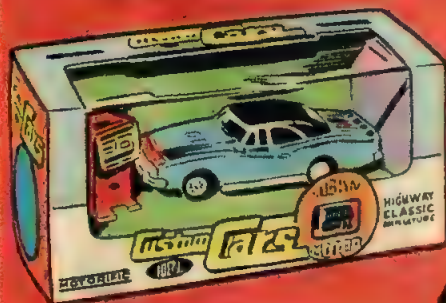
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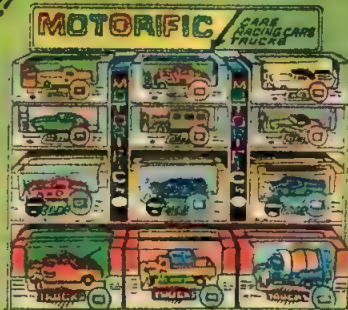
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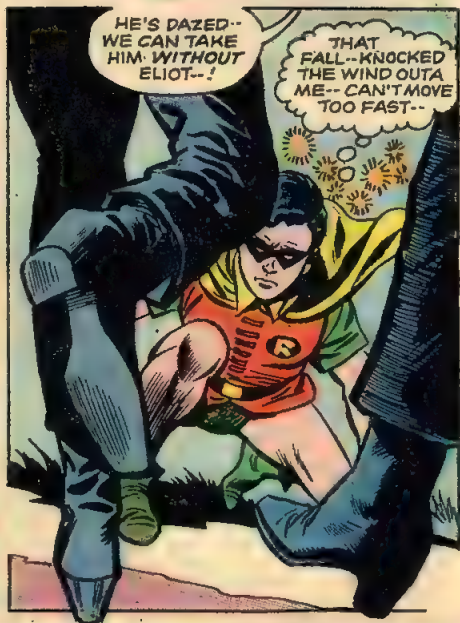
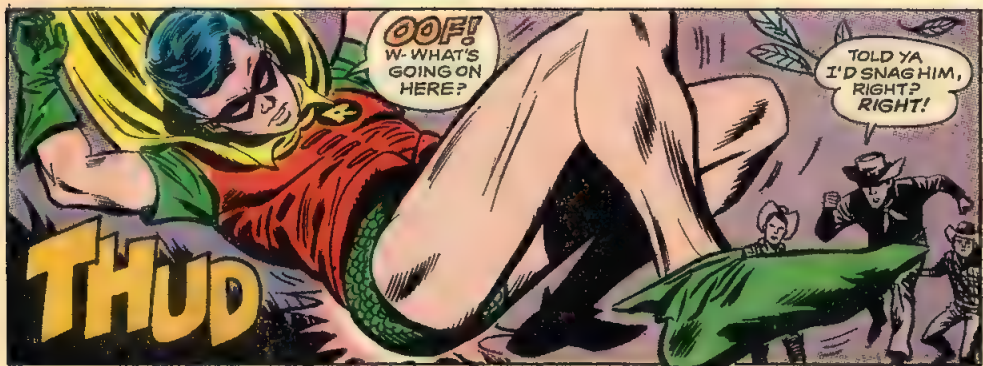
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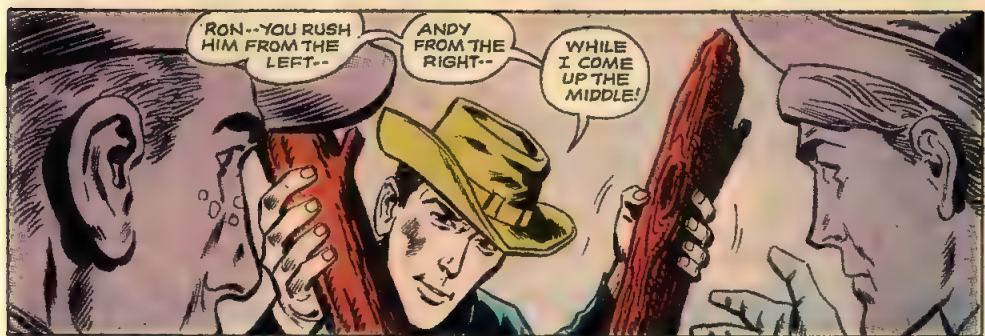
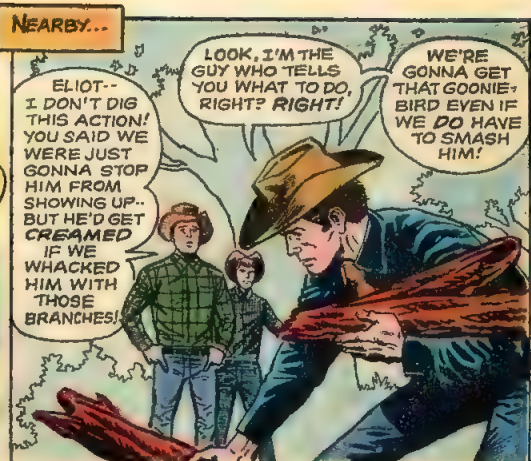
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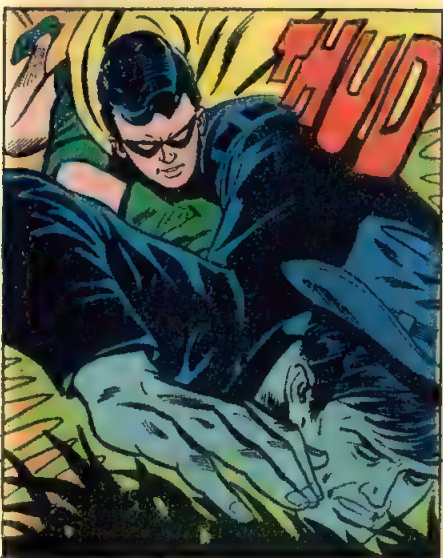
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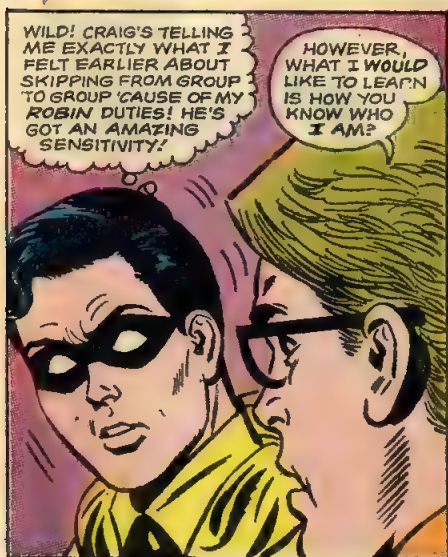
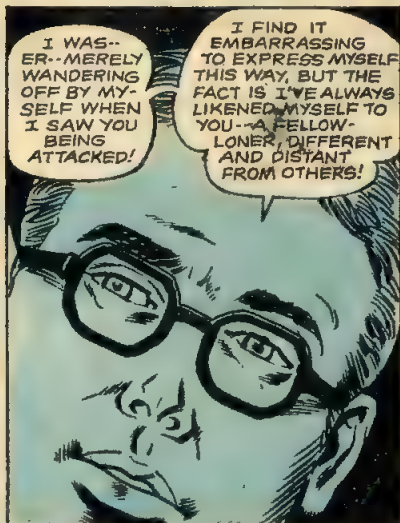
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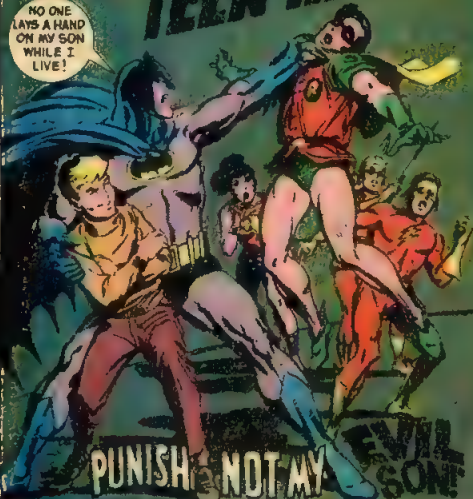
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YET?**



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FRANK ROBBINS, YOU'RE AMAZING! I really don't know how you can be such a good writer on some comics (*Batman and Detective*), and yet be so poor on others (*The Flash* and *Atom*). *Detective* #382 is a perfect example of your good traits. With "Riddle of the Robbin' Robin" you have woven a good—no, excellent—plot with Bob Brown's more than adequate art to form one humdinger of a yarn.

And, Mr. Robbins, you have given us an extra-plus! On page 12, panel 2, you have shown us, of all things, a safety lesson! What an example for all drivers! As I said before, Mr. Robbins, YOU'RE AMAZING!

Still, the story didn't have its faults. There were three in particular that bothered me:

(1) The fight scene on page 5. I realize, of course, that a fight during a card game is open season for "camp" humor, and I also realize that Frank Robbins is an excellent (?) writer of (*sic*) puns. However, I for one, cannot see a person throwing ridiculous jokes around during a fight. Whenever I've been in fights, I have concentrated on beating my opponents, not on seeing how funny I can be. Please, Mr. Robbins—no camp humor for *Batman* and *Robin*!

(2) *Robin's* opening of that safe without taking precautions. Perhaps Frank is trying to show us a new *Robin*? If so, this is good. For too long, *Robin* has been stereotyped as a youngster who seemingly knows everything. Now we are being told that he isn't so smart. Still, I can't believe that a pupil of *Batman's* wouldn't take some care to see that the safe isn't booby-trapped.

(3) The abrupt ending of the story. I know, Frank, that you only have 14 full pages in which to write your story, but *cheee . . .* that ending was just too darn quick! Nobody, but NOBODY, ends a story with two dead men falling out from behind a door. There should always be some anti-climax.

All in all, this story was another masterpiece, as Frank Robbins continues proving that he is THE writer for *Batman*.

—STEVE STROUD, Harvey, Iowa.  
(Even an earthquake leaves faults in its wake, so don't censure Frank Robbins for his measly few — not that we—or the next correspondent—go along with your specific fault-findings.—Editor)

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Dear Editor:

"Riddle of the Robbin' Robin" contained all the necessary elements for a successful *Batman* story: suspense, mystery, good characterization, and the unexpected (namely the killers' abrupt deaths in the final panel). This type of "justice" is warranted in a lot of tales—the criminals thoroughly deserved their deaths. It also rules out their reappearance in a future story. Well done also was *BM's* solving of Amory's voice—he didn't stumble across it; he had to use his mind. Please keep *Batman* grim, and let *Robin* wise-crack once in a while.

Bob Brown's art is pretty good, thanks to Joe Giella's inking. Some of the shots of *Batman's* face reminded me of Infantino, due to Giella's ink-treatment.

The cover itself was excellent, although I don't

think much of the new, blown-up logo. The cover reminded me of a scene from the first *Batman* origin tale. It is obvious that Carmine Infantino laid it out for Novick. (Evidence: the enormous moon, the angle and design of the buildings, and the impressive figure of *Batman* himself.)

The *Elongated Man* story—"The Wishing Well Wonder"—was good, as almost all of Fox's yarns are. So next issue will mark *EM's* last appearance in *Detective Comics*! That will make 65 issues that he has run in *Detective*, which is surely a respectable number of appearances. I hope he will not fade from the scene entirely. Perhaps you can restore his guest-appearances in *The Flash*—or even induct him into the *Justice League of America*.

—BILL SHERMAN, Bloomfield, N.J.

(Our esteemed editorial director, Carmine Infantino, did indeed lay out the cover depicted on issue #382—in fact, even before the story was conceived or written! No immediate appearances of *Elongated Man* are scheduled—but rest assured he'll be sticking his elongated nose into another *DC* mag when the occasion warrants it.—Editor)

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Dear Editor:

The cover was horrible and the *Elongated Man* story was as poor as any you've run. Other than that, the December *Detective* was excellent. If I ever had any doubts about Frank Robbins' competence (doubts brought about by his first two *Flash* and first four *Batman* scripts) they have been dispelled with this particular episode.

What really found me appreciative was the way the story moved—page after page and scene after scene . . . *Batman* and *Robin* and a bunch of crooks. Your strongest element has always been plot, backed up by ample character development. Robbins—whose previous efforts seemed overloaded with quote—humor—unquote and a cartoonish portrayal of our heroes' personalities—has got the knack now and I look for bigger and better things from his typewriter in the future. Please, however, do not neglect the *Joker*, *Penguin*, and their ilk.

The team of Brown and Giella must certainly rank with other wonderful and recent artistic pairings. Yet, with all these virtues, it's a wonder that I even noticed the issue's faults—an exceedingly ugly cover by Irv Novick and an ultra-typical *Elongated Man* story. I have heard *EM* is departing and, to me, this is a joyous end to nose-twitching and incredible coincidences. The high point, this issue, was the first panel on page five of the *EM* story, showing ye editor reading a competitor's comic (for shame!) and the "Carmine's Frozen Pizza" truck which I thought went out of business 'way back in *Detective* #358! If you'd pay your artists enough, they wouldn't have to moonlight!

—MARK EVANIER, Los Angeles, Cal.

(You mean, we were supposed to have been paying artists all along? And we thought it was a labor of love!—Editor)

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
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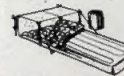
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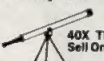
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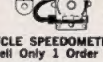
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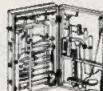
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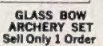
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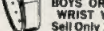
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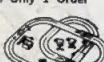
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